

I am writing to express my support for the Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (GPLBs) Ban. GPLBs are harmful and disruptive to the lives of me, my family, neighbors, and all Montgomery County Residents, in particular are more of us are working from home. For the entire year, I spend hours a day listening to the disruptive and incredibly annoying drone of leaf blowers with noise levels that are harmful to the health of residents and lawn care workers. In my neighborhood, and in much of Montgomery County, the houses are close together. The noise levels from GPLB are so loud that if a leaf blower is being used anywhere close by, anyone in my household who is outside on our deck working or on the phone, immediately has to go indoors. But, more disturbing is that once inside, the noise is inescapable and disruptive. The noise is so loud and intrusive that not only does it disrupt concentration, make it difficult to carry out work but also eventually starts leads to headache. There is simply no escaping this sound that often goes on for hours a day. The sound is so intense, unrelenting, and disruptive because GPLBs produce noise levels ranging from 102-115 decibels, which is higher than the recommended level that the US EPA and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health have established. The noise travels farther and penetrates exterior walls of our home and all homes and businesses in Montgomery County. In addition, GPLBs emit large quantities of harmful air pollutants, generating CO₂ at a rate 3 to 9 times higher than electric-powered blowers, as GPLs are hazardous to our health and well-being, and Montgomery County should do as well immediately. Please pass this ban as it is the right thing to do for the citizens of Montgomery County in terms of restoring the ability to have peace in our homes and also in terms of protecting the environment by reducing pollution.

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